DEVELOPMENT

Exciting changes are in the works for an already terrific West Des Moines parks system, the capstone being the ambitious and impactful **Five Waters Project**.

JAMIE HURD AMPHITHEATER

Bringing people together to share inspiring musical performances and creative showcases, the amphitheater will serve as our cultural center, nestled between the neighborhood pond and rolling green hills. Construction of The Jamie Hurd Amphitheater will open in the summer of 2020.



RACCOON RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES & GREAT WESTERN TRAIL CONNECTION

Spanning the beautiful Raccoon River, these bridges will serve as seamless connections for cyclists and pedestrians from Raccoon River Park to Walnut Woods State Park, Purple Martin Water Resource Area, Hidden Valley Soccer Complex and dozens of miles of green trails.





RACCOON RIVER PARK BOATHOUSE

Offering visitors more ways to explore Raccoon River Park, the Boathouse will offer bicycle and boat rentals, as well as boat storage. The Boathouse at Blue Heron Lake will open in the fall of 2020.



MARATHON LOOP

Completing a marathon length 26.2 mile trail loop connecting Valley View Park, Southwoods Park, Raccoon River Park and future parks, the loop will allow trail users of all ages and abilities to embrace the outdoors. And the best news is - it's already 48% complete!

RACCOON RIVER GREENWAY

Protecting land and wildlife while providing additional river access for paddlers on water trails, the greenway will also enable camping close to home. As if that wasn't enough, this project will also allows exploration of the tree canopy in an adventure course - a whole new way to discover nature.



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ABOUT US

Friends of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation is a nonprofit group organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to support the development and enhancement of public parks, facilities, and recreation programs for the benefit of the citizens and businesses of West Des Moines, Iowa.

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INVOLVEMENT

We want you to become a valued member of our group. You can help us by volunteering your time or talents at our events, making a donation, serving on the Friends of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, or simply sharing our mission with your friends and neighbors.



PRESERVATION

Help us preserve and protect land and wildlife in West Des Moines to ensure the happiness and wellbeing of future generations.

IMPROVEMENT

It is our hope that we help improve West Des Moines parks and recreation programs and facilities so organizations and businesses can better attract and retain qualified employees.

ENRICHMENT

With your help, we can enrich our community by enhancing the quality of life in West Des Moines. By supporting park and recreation projects and programs, we are helping to bring more joy to you and the next generation.

MEMBERSHIP

With a minimum contribution of \$35, you will become an OFFICIAL MEMBER of Friends of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation. Donation can be made at www.wdm.iowa.gov/FriendsofWDMPR

